(*b*) the kind of relief the Government intend to provide for the drought affected areas ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity) .—

(*a*) The old Famine Codes which are no longer relevant to the present conditions did provide for declaring the areas as famine affected. But in recent times, the scope and concept of famine relief have undergone redical change and it is no longer necessary and desirable to declare any area which is affected by drought as " Famine Area ".

(*b*) All necessary relief measures will be taken in the drought affected areas with the main object of giving employment to the affected people.

* *Roads under the control of P.W.D. Sub-Divisions in Dharwar District.*

353. Sri K. H. KURUDAGI (Mundaragi) .—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

the total number of P.W.D. Sub-Divisions in Dharwar District and the number of kilometers of road under their control ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity) .—

There are 16 P.W.D. sub-divisions in this district and a total of 2951 kilometer length of road is under their control.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i) re : *alleged attempt to rape a woman patient by the Doctor of Ayanur Hospital, Shimoga Taluk.*

Sri S. M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKHAR (Hosanagar) .— I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the attempt of the doctor of Ayanur Hospital in Shimoga Taluk to rape a woman patient.